

## OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Dear Mentor-Protégé Participant:

We are now accepting nominations for the FY2002 Nunn-Perry Awards, which will be presented at the Mentor-Protégé (MP) Conference, March 18-20, 2002, at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia.

As veterans of the Mentor-Protégé Program are already aware, the Nunn-Perry Award recognizes Mentor-Protégé teams that have excelled in the areas of commitment, technical assistance and economic development.

The first award was presented during the 1995 Mentor-Protégé Conference. It was named in honor of former Senator Sam Nunn, who sponsored the legislation that created the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program, and in honor of former Secretary of Defense William Perry for his commitment to the program's implementation.

Nominations are open to any DoD Mentor-Protégé team with an agreement that was active during any portion of the period between October 1, 2000 and September 30, 2001. Nominations may be submitted by mentors, protégés, DoD program managers, DoD small business specialists, or contracting personnel and will be accepted through Friday, December 7, 2001.

Please complete the enclosed nomination package and mail, fax, or email the completed forms to the address provided in the nomination package. An electronic copy of the package along with other MP Conference information will be available soon on our website at www.sadbitconferences.com.

Thank you for your participation and best of luck to all of the nominees!

Sincerely,

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